### WILMINGTON, N. C.

FRIDAY, - - - May 29, 1891

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#### NUT CULTURE.

We have several times in thes columns called attention to the sub ject of nut culture, especially of the pecan, as an industry in which the farmers of this State, especially in the eastern and central pertions of it, might engage with profit. The pecan belongs really to the hickory nut species and can be successfully grown wherever the hickory tree will

The culture of the pecan is now engaged in to a limited extent in this State, in South Carolina, in Florida and in Texas, but the culture is yet in its infancy and will never be very extensively engaged in because there are few persons who have patience to wait seven or eight years to realize from a crop planted. This is one reason why there need be no fear of the industry being overdone.

We were very much interested in a letter published in the Charleston News and Courier, a few days ago, written by a gentleman at Bamberg, Barnwell county, S. C., who tells what he knows about pecan growing and the possibilities that are in it as a paying industry.

He began planting fifteen years ago, and has now a thirty-five acre orchard to which he will add sixtyave acres more this winter. At ten years his trees yielded at the rate of \$150 to the acre, and at fifteen years at the rate of \$300 to the acre. There is only one crop in this country that will do that, and that is the anest kind of tobacco. It is from four to eight times as much as fair entton land will produce. It is five times as much as the average tobac-'eo crop will yield, fifteen times as much as the average wheat crop will yield, twenty times as much as the average corn crop.

The man who plants cotton, bacco, wheat, corn, etc., has to plow, plant, cultivate and harvest every year, taking his chances on frosts, floods, droughts, storms and insects, and then when the gauntlet of growing and harvesting the crop is run, must take his chances on a market which may be oversupplied and the prices consequently low, too low to pay the cost of cultivation and leave a margin for profit.

With the pecan it is not so. The planting once done the principal labor is over; there is no more plowing, no more cultivating, no fear of frosts, floods, droughts or insects, for the tree is a hardy one and will stand anything the hickory will stand. The only labor after the tree is in bearing is the gathering of the nuts, and the only labor before they come into bearing, which is usually about the seventh year, (the increasing every year the tree reaches little ing or fertilizing for the first year or two to help the growth. Once rooted the orchard is a permanent thing and a perpetual producer, which takes care of itself and will live as long as the hickory tree lives.

The plan of this Bamberg cultivator is to lay off the land in checks 35 by 35 feet, which gives about thirty-six trees to the acre. He plants trees one year old, never more than two years old, because, he says, it is not unusual for a tree at one year old to have a root twice as long as the tree is tall. He recommends good mulching for the first year or so, and after that any high grade fertilizer will produce astonishing results. His experience is that trees planted in the fall will grow more in two years than those planted in the spring will in three, because they form new roots in the fall and stand the following summer better.

Other crops, such as cotton, corn, grass, &c., may be grown on the land until the trees come into bearing, or turned to pasture, as stock do not trouble the trees, so that the land devoted to the pecan trees is nearly as useful as it was before for other crops, until the trees become sufficiently large to so shade the ground that there would not be sunshine enough for other crops, save grass, which might be grown all the

In planting care should be taken to secure the best kind of trees, those producing the largest and sweetest nut, some kinds of trees producing small and tasteless nuts. with more wood than meat in them.

There are very few farmers in North Carolina who couldn't spare a few acres to the pecan, if he didn't want to spare many, and to what better use could the "old fields," of which there are thousands of acres, be put? Thus without costing dollar to reclaim them they might be made the most productive and valuable part of the farm.

There is growing in central North Carolina a thin-shelled hickory which is superior in quality of meat and flavor to the average pecan, and the season for tobacco planting is all that equal to the best, which if planted | could be desired.

and cultivated would prove almost if not quite as profitable as the pecan. And there is the walnut, too, which in eight or ten years would be valuable not only for the nut but for the timber, becoming more valuable for both every year as the pecan and

hickory do. There is an inviting field open for aut culture in this State for the young man who will enter it. As a source of revenue, with little labor or little risk, it holds out inducements that no other crop grown can

#### STATE TOPICS.

The marble deposits of North Carolina have as yet attracted but ittle attention, but they will some day be a source of great wealth. We doubt whether there is in the world section of marble-bearing country which can show within the same area as many varieties of, marble, in as many colors, ranging all the way from jet black to snow white. The extent of these deposits is beyond computation because they have never been surveyed and their full extent is not known. We know that n Cherokee county there are large deposits, of numerous varieties, but some idea of the extent of it may be gathered from the statement that in McDowell county in the deposits that are known to exist there are four hundred millions cubic feet. There is a one hundred and fifty acre tract where the marble vein is said to be one hundred and eighty feet thick, the largest quarry yet discovered in the South. There are also mmense deposits of it in Cleveland county, said to be inexhaustible, and we know there are also in Cherokee, Surry and Stokes, and a geological survey will doubtless show it to exist n other counties.

Senator Jones, of Nevada, does ot share the opinion of some that Mr. Harrison is a great man. He says he served six years with him in the Senate and during all that time nobody ever asked Harrison's opinion about anything, and now he thinks it absurd that Harrison can veto and nullify the deliberate work of three or four hundred men. That's why he rises to remark that he is in favor of taking away the veto power from Presidents in general, but from Mr. Harrison in particular.

Congressman-elect Stewart, of Illinoise, enjoys the circus, and when one comes in his neighborhood he hires a special train and takes all the children in town to the show at his expense. But he wouldn't pay a dollar to the campaign fund when he ran for Congress, not even to pay for the election tickets on which his name was printed. He said if the people wanted to vote for him they could write his name on the tickets, he wasn't going to pay his way to

The New Orleans affair is becoming an issue in Italian politics. That's all it was at any time. Rudini played it in the beginning to placated the mob, and now his opponents are going for him because he bungled so in playing it. Between Blaine on this side, and the malcontents on the other side poor Rudint is on the ragged edge and don't know whether it is good to be

It is commented on by some that there was no turn out to welcome Mr. Harrison on his return to Washington. Live Presidents ain't a curiosity in Washington, and besides that the Washingtonians couldn't keep up that flower business. Flowers cost something there.

A crusty old bachelor in England who recently died heaped coals of fire on the head of the girl who refused him by leaving her three thousand dollars in his will, But as she had been married in the meantime. she braced up and stood it like a little woman.

At a recent meeting of colored people held at St. Luke's Church, John H. Young "was accorded a vote of thanks for making the fight, and thus bringing the office of Collector within the reach of a colored man." This must be very comforting to John. He gets the thanks | was given, and I doubt not that but fo -a very thin diet during the dull Summer months-while Collector Dancy gets | the crowd that had assembled. the shekels. But John is a Young man and can afford to wait until-well, it will be a long time before there will be another Republican President.

## ROBESON COURT.

A True Bill Found Against D. A. Mo Dougald for the Murder of Simeon

The STAR's correspondent at Lumberton, writing in regard to the Conoley nurder, says: The grand jury com menced its investigation this afternoon, having summoned nineteen witnesses to appear, and at 4.45 p.m. returned a true bill against McDougald for murder.

The accused is still missing. Alex Oxendine, who was implicated with Steve Jacobs in the murder of Mrs. Arp, about two years ago, was granted new trial by the Supreme Court and next Thursday has been set apart for his trial.

Rewards are offered by the Governor of the State and the Commissioners of Robeson County for the arrest of Mc-Dougald, which aggregate \$300.

- Capt. Dave Jones called at the STAR office yesterday. In response to the queries of the P. P., he said there had been good seasons all along the line of the C. F. & Y. V. The crops, wheat especially, present a fine appearance, and

CONFEDERATE PENSIONERS.

All Applications Must be Filed on or Before the First Monday in July-Persons Entitled to the Benefits of the

The State Board of Pensions in a cir-

cular issued for the guidance of County Boards directs special attention to the fact that under the statute the applicant for a pension must file his, or her, application before the County Board of Pensions on or before the first Monday in July in the year in which the application is made; that the Clerk of the Superior Court shall forward to the Auditor of the State the duly certified application before the first Monday in August following, except that he shall forward applications filed on the first Monday in July, immediately after the meeting of the County Board of Pensioners held on the first Monday in August, as provided for in section 4 of the Pension Act, and that no warrant for the payment of the pension shall be issued by the Auditor untii after the first Monday in September

Every widow of a Confederate soldier who desires to obtain the benefit of this act must make application, including those who are already on the pension roll, but those who are now on the roll will not be required to furnish further proof of identity of themselves, or of the identity, services and death of their husbands, but they are required to furnish evidence that they have never re-married; that they are bona fide residents of the State; that they hold no office under the United States, or under any State or county, from which is received the sum of three hundred dollars as fees or as a salary annually, and that they do not own property whose tax valuation exceeds the sum of five hundred dollars, or have not since the 11th of March, 1885, disposed of the same by gift or voluntary conveyance

The Register of Deeds of the county

will furnish blank forms for making ap-

plications, proofs, etc., to all who require

Under the law, "every person is enti tled to a pension who has been fo twelve months immediately preceding his or her application for pension a bond fide resident of this State, and who i incapacitated for manual labor by reason of a wound received while in discharge of his duty as a soldier or sailor in the service of the State of North Carolina or of the Confederate States of America during the war between the States, and to the widow remaining unmarried of any deceased officer, soldier or sailor ho lost his life while a citizen of the State or of the Confederate States, during the late war between the States, the following sums, annually: To those totally incapacitated, \$100; to those having lost leg above knee or arm above elbow, \$75; to those having lost foot or hand, &c., \$50; to those having lost one eye, or otherwise disabled and to widows remaining unmarried

But no person shall be entitled to receive the benefits of this act who owns property whose tax valuation exceeds the sum of five hundred dollars, or who having owned property in excess of five hundred dollars, has disposed of the same by gift or voluntary conveyance to his wife, or child, or children, or next of kin, or to any other person, since the 11th day of March, 1885."

SECOND REGIMENT, N. C. S. G.

Capt. Kenan's Official Report to Col. W. C. Jones, Commanding Second Regiment N. C. S. G., on the Affair at the Jail Saturday Night, HEADQUARTERS WILMINGTON LIGHT

INFANTRY, CO. C. SECOND REGIMENT N. C. S. G., MAY 18TH, 1891.

Col. W. C. Jones, Commanding Secon Regiment N. C. S. G .: SIR:-On Saturday night, the 16th, at equest of Hon. A. G. Ricaud, Mayor o the City of Wilmington, I ordered my company under arms to aid the civi authorities in the preservation of the peace, which it was feared would be disturbed by an attempt to remove : prisoner from jail,

1 am happy to report that the appearance of the military had a most quieting effect, as the crowds soon dispersed and went to their homes.

As a further precaution, I remained on duty all of Sunday night also. My men performed their duties cheer fully and uncomplainingly-I may say even gladly; due to their habit of obedience, which they seem to feel in their

very limbs.
The necessity for a well disciplined military organization has always been apparent to me, but it was practically demonstrated on last Saturday night to the satisfaction of every one, and the community, nay more, the State, can rest assured that whenever it is necessary to vindicate the laws, this company will ever be ready to respond Your obedient servant,

W. R. KENAN, Capt. Com. Co. C 2d Regt. N. C. S. G. Endorsement by Col. W. C. Jones. Respectfully forwarded to Gen. James O. Glenn; approved, with feelings of pleasure and gratification at the prompt nd efficient services rendered by Capt

Kenan and his company.

I beg to add that I was present when the alarm for assembling the company the presence of the military we would have had serious trouble in dispersing

#### Your obedient servant W. C. JONES. Col. Com. 2d Regt. N. C. S. G.

The Raleigh News and Observer says: Yesterday the officials of the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railroad, the Wilmington and Weldon, the Charleston, Cincinnati and Chicago, the Warrenton Railroad and the Western Union Telegraph appeared before the commission to show cause why no changes should be made in tariffs or to argue that the scale determined upon should be modified. To-day the officials of other roads will be heard. The commission will not determine upon what action will be finally taken till the hear-

ngs are over." Stocks of Naval Stores.

Stocks of naval stores at the ports, May 16th, are reported as follows: Spirits Turpentine-Wilmington, 1,764 casks; New York, 1,075; Savannah, 9,037; Charleston, 1,747. Total, 13,623 casks. Rosin-Wilmington, 15,395 barrels; New York, 12,826; Savannah, 36,977; Charleston, 7,045. Total, 72,343 barrels. Tar-Wilmington, 6,849 barrels; New

York, 1,342. Total, 7,991 barrels. - The numerous Wilmington friends of Col. W. Foster French, of Lumberton, will be glad to hear that his health is reported considerably improved by his recent trip to Florida.

# 38TH ANNIVERSARY.

20TH OF MAY CELEBRATION AT CAR-OLINA BEACH.

The Light Infantry Excursion-Targe Practice-Foot Races-Music-Dinner at the Oceanic Hotel-Right Hundred

to a Thousand Persons Present. The Wilmington Light Infantry met at their armory at 9:80 o'clock yesterday morning, under the command of Capt. Kenan, and escorted by the Second Regiment Band marched to the steamer Wilmington and started for Carolina Beach. Messrs. Peterson Bros. photographed the Company at the foot of Nun street, the Company being drawn up at parade rest on the hurricane deck. the band in the meantime discoursing sweet music.

On arrival at Carolina Beach the Company was dispresed and ordered to report at twelve o'clock for target practice, which was had just east of the pavilion. Sergeant Ed Moore, making the best score, was awarded the first prize, gold Star, presented to the Company by a friend, Mr. J. W. Bolles, and also season ticket to Carolina Beach by the New Hanover Transit Company.

The second prize, being the Company medal, was won by Capt. W. R. Kenan. The third prize, a gold headed cane, by private Ives. After the target practice the Company repaired to the Oceanic Hotel and had a most excellent dinner, which was gotten up in very elaborate style by the Messrs. Hinton Bros. After dinner some of the boys took a

dip in old ocean. At 4:30 o'clock sixteen men, under

command of Sergeant Moore, fell in at the pavilfon and went through that beautiful manœuver, the fancy sword drill, and after this some of the members of the Company gave an exhibition of fancy bicycle riding, and Corporal Charlie Grainger was voted by the immense crowd as being the most expert.

At half-past five o'clock six of the athletic members of the company were on the beach for a fifty yards foot race. The first prize was won by private J. R. Turrentine, Jr., he making the time in After this, the call was sounded by the

leader of the band, Mr. Arthur Whiteley and the band marched up on the porch of the Oceanic H otel, and there added very much to the enjoyment ol the day by discoursing some very sweet music. At eight o'clock the third boat from Wilmington arrived with about one hundred passengers, who immediately betook themselves to the dining rooms of the Oceanic, and there enjoyed one of those suppers for which the Messrs. Hinton Bros, have gained such a repu-

in which he was entertained. About three hundred left on the 5:30 boat. The crowd that remained enjoyed themselves by strolling on the beach by moonlight and listening to the music furnished by the Second Regiment

tation, and our special reporter returns

thanks for the very hospitable manner

At 9 o'clock the whistle sounded for the last train, and the remainder of the crowd got on the cars and started for the pier, where the Wilmington was waiting to bring the excursionists to the city, who arrived safely at 11 o'clock. Thus ended one of the most pleasant days in the history of the Company. The number of passengers was estimated at eight hundred.

WILMINGTON LIGHT INFANTRY. Supplemental to the Article in the "Star" of Yesterday-What the Boys are Doing for Themselves.

Supplemental to what was said in the STAR, yesterday, concerning the Wilmington Light Infantry, it may be said, and greatly to their credit, that the members of the Company are all subscribers to the armory fund, and are paying the several amounts in monthly iustalments. The Company is composed mainly of young men who are working for moderate salaries, but they are contributing liberally; and, acting on the old and well known principle that those who help themselves are entitled to the help of others, the people of Wilmington should be generous in their subscriptions to the armory fund. The Company have no place whatever for indoor drilling and are compelled to tramp over the rugged Belgian blocks on Market

and Front streets. To the casual observer it looks like "big fun" to be a soldier in time of peace; but this is a mistaken idea. The fun is badly mixed with a vast deal of very hard work; and when a military company is called out to face an angry and drunken mob, they carry their lives in their hands, and some who march to the scene of trouble may be

carried home on a soldier's bier. Think for a moment of the feeling o security that pervades our homes when we know we have a well disciplined company of brave and determined men ready at all times to respond to the call of duty. Think of the women and children, many of whom must perforce be left at home without their natural protectors in case of serious trouble Now, they feel comparatively safe: but how would it be if we had no military company here to sid the civil authori-

ties in the maintenance of peace in case There ought to be at least one hundred names on the roll of active members of the Wilmington Light Infantry and if the people of Wilmington wil respond generously to the call for contributions to the armory fund that point

Subscriptions payable on the instalplan will accomplish the desired ment result.

## THREE CHEERS AND A TIGER

The Wilmington Light Infantry Call on the Star Office.

The Wilmington Light Infantry on their return from Carolina Beach last night, made a flank movement and took the STAR office by surprise; not a shooting-stick in the establishment was loaded. But after all the Company got the worst of it. With their rifles glittering in the moonlight they drew up in line before the office, and after "three cheers and a tiger," made loud calls for Mr. Bernard, who appeared on the porch in answer to their cries, and in an ornate and eloquent oration of about thirteen words-which was interrupted every ten minutes by the snoring of members of the companysatisfied them that they had got enough and after another yell they wended their way to the armory.

WILMINGTON LIGHT INFANTRY. indispensable to Wilmington-Will Her

People Now Lend a Helping Hand to the Armory Fund Recent events have again shown con clusively that the Wilmington Light Infantry is indispensable to the preservation of the peace in this city in great emergencies. The consensus of opinion is that the police on duty near the jail Sunday morning would most probably have been resisted if an effort had been made to make wholesale arrests. They were ready and willing to obey any orders that might be given them, but the force was not large, and

while they might have proved their ability to overcome the disorderly crowd, wihch was rapidly assuming the character of a mob, it is a tair conclusion that this could not have been done without bloodshed. The presence of the military so near the scene had a moral effect that unquestionably removed all necessity for resorting to violent measures. The promptness, the coolness, th

fidelity, the courage of the members of this fine military organization have re ceived unstinted praise, all of which they richly deserved. But it is time now for the peaceable and law-abiding people to reflect more seriously on the real value of this company to Wilmington, and to take steps for its more substantial support. The city authorities are becoming more and more impressed with the conviction that it is necessary to keep up the organization; and are becoming more liberal in its appropriations looking to that end. The county, too, though not so deeply interested as the city, should make a reason-

able annual appropriation. But the citizens, as individuals, should enter heartily into any movement whose object is to strengthen the Light Infaitry in numbers and to add to its esprit de corps. Just now, the question in which the boys are most deeply interested is the building of an armory suited to their wants, and which should be made ornament to Wilmington. The city has already donated a valuable lot, eligibly located, for this purpose, and the Company have the nucleus of a building fund, consisting of six thousand dollars, now in their treasury. But they ought to have an armory with three floors, and to cost not less than \$20,000. Will the good people of Wilmington aid them in this work, and will they do

The STAR some time ago suggested a plan, which it still considers entirely practicable, by which the armory fund might be largely increased. The plan, in brief, is this: Appoint a committee, to be composed of three members of the Company and three influential citizens, who will make a thorough canvass of the city and solicit subscriptions to the armory fund. Fix the amounts at \$24.00, \$48.00, \$96.00, or more, sums that will divide evenly on twelve and twenty-four, and make the subscriptions payable in monthly finstalments of one dollar or two dollars each, as may be thought best, until the whole amount is paid. Some subscribers, doubtless, would pay their entire subscriptions at once; but there are scores of friends of the Wilmington Light Infantry, not able to pay \$24.00 or more at one time. who would gladly contribute that sum, or even a larger sum, if they could make the payments in small amounts

We shall be glad to hear that this plan meets with favorable consideration-not because it is suggested by the STAR, but because we believe that, if pushed with promptness and energy, it will add thousands of dollars to the armory fund of the Wilmington Light

THE TAX LEVY.

County Commissioners. The Board of County Commissioners, n their detailed statement of the amount

equired for the tax levy for the year 1891, estimate the total expenses of the county at \$32,825, and recommend to meet this a levy of 47 cents on the \$100 valuation of real and personal property, and \$1.41 on the poll. It is estimated that this levy, on property, income and franchise, will realize net \$29,500; from Schedule B and C, \$2,000; from (25 per cent. of) poll tax, \$1,750. Total, \$33,250.

With this levy the whole tax will be as follows: On property, for county, 47 cents; on property, for State, 43 cents. Total, 90 cents. On poll for county, \$1.41; on poll for schools and poor, \$1.29.

The estimated expenses of the county are given as follows: For Criminal Court, \$7,000; Superior Court, \$1,000; Commissioners, \$1,000; Coroner, \$300; Justices of the Peace, \$250; Constables, \$100; Register, \$500; advertising, \$400; incidental, \$1,400; roads and bridges, \$800; superintendent of health, \$900; poor house, \$2.000; out-door poor, \$3,800; hospital, \$1,900; jail, \$1,875; public buildings, \$600; printing and stationery, \$500; tax listing, \$2,000; attorney, \$200; tax on property purchased by county and paid to State, \$1,200; interest on bonds and sinking fund, \$4,500. Total \$32,325.

The annual meeting of the Board of Magistrates will be held this year on Monday, June 1st, at 10 o'clock a. m.

#### "SCHEDULE B" TAX. Meeting of Merchants who Propose to

Test the Constitutionality of the Law. A number of merchants of this city, subscribers to the fund for contesting in the courts the constitutionality of the "Schedule B" tax, held a meeting yesterday at noon at the Produce Exchange. Mr. D. L. Gore presided, with Mr. R. M. Katz secretary.

Mr. R. M. McIntire, from the committee appointed at a previous meeting. reported \$804 subscribed to the fund. A committee of three was, on motion, appointed by the Chair-Messrs. J. C. Stevenson, J. C. Whitlock and R. M. Katz-to correspond with merchants at other places and endeavor to secure their co-operation in the movement, On motion, the former committe, appointed to secure contributions to the fund and to engage counsel, was con-

tinued, but were instructed not to engage counsel until hearing from merchants of other towns in the State. - The furniture for the new Postoffice has been shipped from Syracuse, RETROSPECTIVE REFLECTIONS.

Saturday Night-Plans of the Officers Well Laid and Skillfully Executed.

- The STAR does not wish, nor does it intend, to be unfair or unjust to the negroes. The well-disposed and well-behaved portion of the race have its hearty sympathy, and in its criticisms its object is to deal fairly with all But it does not intend to let the im pression go out that any white man had any serious intention of attempting bodily injury to the prisoner Huggins if it can prevent it.

All the officers and about 45 privates of the Wilmington Light Infantry responded to the military alarm Sunday morning, and remained at their armory until about 6 o'clock a. m. They were ready to "report promptly." The Mayor, Chief of Police, and the Sheriff were on the ground all night with a strong detachment of the police and a force of special deputies. All are entitled to the thanks of the people of Wilmington. There was very little excitement, but a more determined body of men was never assembled in this city. It is but fair to state that they all exercised the utmost coolness and forbearance. And there were no mistakes made by the officers in charge of the civil and military forces. The plans were all well conceived and were skilfully executed - No wiser step was ever taken, in

similar emergency, than that taken Sunday morning, when it was decided to summon the Wilmington Light Infantry to report at their armory, near the scene of the disturbance on Princess street. This was done after consultation with a number of conservative and discreet citizens who were almost unanimous in the opinion that the time had arrived when the military should be called out. They argued that it would never do to wait til a riot began, in which it was possible for many good people to be killed or disabled, and which, in all probability, would have been ended before the company (a majority of whose members, not anticipating any trouble, were in bed asleep when the alarm was turned in,) could have reached the scene. it was emphatically a movement in the interests of peace; and the result proved that it had precisely the effect that it was intended to produce. It removed all apprehension of any serious

- It is claimed by some of the negroes that the demonstration made by them Saturday night and Sunday morning was caused by reports that white men had said they intended to lynch Kit Huggins, the driver confined in the county jail. Possibly, some of them may have been influenced by these irresponsible reports. But at no time during the night was there the slightest evidence that any such movement was on foot. At no time was there any really large gathering of whites. They made no demonstration whatever that could lead any one to believe that they had any evil intention: and when the critical point was reached about one o'clock Sunday morning, there were very few whites present except those who were engaged in the discharge of their official duties. Not only this. Many of the negroes received the most positive assurances from the Mayor, the Chief of Police and the Sheriff that no violence to Huggins was contempiated, and that none would be permitted. On the other hand, the negroes assembled in large groups, at different points in the vicinity, and finally marched by the jail repeatedly, as if in defiance of the officers of both the city and county. Many of them, too, made insolent and entirely uncalled-tor remarks that were well calculated to create trouble

CRIMINAL COURT. First Day of the May Term-The Grand Jury Return Not a True Bill Against

Kit Huggins for Manslaughter. The May term of the Criminal Cour for New Hanover County, Judge Meares presiding, convened yesterday.

The grand jury for the term is as folows: C. G. Southerland, foreman, E. G. Glavin, W. B. Cooper, G. W. Rogers, W. H. Strickland, John T. Soll, Joseph Sternberger, Benj. Farrow, A. B. Benson, Z. Jones, A. C. Nelson, Archie Fryer, Jos. P. Green, E. T. Suden, S.

The following cases were disposed of: Josephine Howe and Maria Garrell: arceny. Not prossed with leave. Hardy Miller; assault and battery.

udgment suspended on payment of

Wm. Evans, larceny. Nol prossed, with

The grand jury returned "not a true bill" for manslaughter, in the case of Kit Huggins, (colored) the driver of the omnibus that ran over and killed Liston Chadwick last Saturday, and Kit was forthwith nischarged from custody. Two colored boys-Jos Spicer and

Chas. H. Robinson-charged with assault and battery on three little white boys, were also discharged. Jno. King; larceny. Guilty. Judg-

The grand jury found a true bill against . R. Hirshberg and W. H. Cox for gambling, and Ino. Martin for larceny. The Court took a recess at 5.30 p. m

ment, two years in the State peniten-

A report has gained currency that the

until 10 a. m. to-day.

new grounds would not be ready in time, and that, in consequence, the Encampment could not be held at Wrightsville this year. The report reached the STAR from 'Charlotte, and it was further stated that a movement had been inaugurated to secure the coveted prize for that city. The STAR has received the information from an official source that the new grounds would have been ready in good time; but it was thought best to have the Encampment at Seaside Park again; and through the kindness and liberality of Mrs. Fred. Poisson that beautiful place has been secured. This is positive and official.

- The C. F. & Y. V. R. R. Co. will sell round trip tickets at all stations on their road, for the Commencement at Livingston College, Salisbury, N. C. Tickets on sale May 23 to 26, with final limit to May 28. Fare from Wilmington, \$9.15; Fayetteville, \$7.00; Maxton, \$7.50; Sanford, \$5.65.

## FEARFUL EXPLOSION.

TWENTY MEN KILLED AND A NUM-BER OF OTHERS WOUNDED.

Gang of Italian Laborers Blown up by Dynamite Near Tarrytown, New York.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star, TARRYTOWN, N. Y., May 19 .- A gang of Italians were working here preparing tracks and making some improvement on the road. A freight car containing a large quantity of dynamite stood upon a side-track, not far from the depot. The Italians were working upon the track. Suddenly an explosion was heard that shook the ground like an earthquake. and tore up everything about. The air was filled with flying debris and fragments of human bodies, which soon came down like the patter of hail stones. People a block off were thrown to the ground by the concussion, glass was broken in windows of houses 200 or 300 yards away. When the smoke cleared away there was a sickening spectacle. Thirty-one men, principally Italians, lay upon the ground. The car was nowhere to be seen. Portions of the trucks were thrown a hundred feet away; not even the heavy iron wheels remained on the track. Portions of the track and roadbed were blown away and a great hole was dug in the ground

danger was over, a thousand people rushed to the scene, and when they saw these prostrate bodies they supposed that all the men had been killed, and a wild rumor was started that thirty men had been killed by the explosion. Doc tors came hurrying from all parts of the town. It was found that only six had been killed outright, while twenty were wounded. Nearly all the dead and wounded are Italians. The crowd devoted itself to moving the dead and wounded to the depot, where they were laid in rows. The six who were killed were horribly mutilated. They were blown to pieces. The wounded men were shockingly injured. Some were minus their arms, others had their legs blown away, and still others were dismembered in an equally horrible man ner. A number of the wounded will probably died. Most of them could speak little or no English.

As soon as it was known that the

The Italians set a blast and the concussion of the blast exploded the dynamite. The explosion tore everything to pieces and totally wrecked the track Travel is entirely blockaded between Tarrytown and Irvington.

LATER.-The total number of deaths rom the accident is now placed at twenty. Three have died since the explosion; ten bodies were picked up along the track, five were taken out the swamp which skirted the track, and two Italians in a state of frightened bewilderment were 'seen to run to the river and jump in, and have not since been found. Others of the wounded are likely to die and it is also probable that the bodies have not all been found, as an eye-witness says he saw bodies blown from the car into the river and in every

probably the one now told. An engine and one flat car were conveying a load of Italians and twenty-four cases of dynamite, each case containing fifty pounds The Italians were being taken to a section of the road where a third track was being laid. A coil of rope lay on the front of the truck of the engine. Just as the train was passing Holmes' Point midway between Tarrytown and Irvington, a spark from the locomotive ignited the coil of rope. The moving train fanned the flames, and before the Italians realized their danger, one of the packages of dynamite exploded. One man on the train who saw the danger jumped from the car and fell under the wheels and was killed. A few others tumbled off the car and saved their lives, but all were injured. The next moment there was a rumbling noise, a dense cloud of smoke and a flying mass shot up into the air. Some of the killed and injured were train men and not Italians, they included brakemen, time-keepers, the conductor, engineer and fireman.

## LOSS HALF A MILLION

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE AT JACKSONVILLE

The Mohawk Building and Other Valuabl Property Burned-Insurance \$245,000.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. JACKSONVILLE, May 19 .- The fir which started in the Mohawk block at midnight and completely destroyed that building was one of the most destructiv that has ever visited Jacksonville, and the losses foot up nearly half a million

dollars. The losers are among the oldest

most enterprising and most public

spirited firms in the city. At 1.30 a. m. the Mohawk block wa on fire in every portion and the walls were tumbling, one after another. Fifteen minutes later, the wind, which had been fanned up from the river by the action of the flames, increased into a fresh gale from the southeast and swep it to the roof of the brick block on the west of the Mohawk building. was all ablaze in a remarkably short time and nothing in it was saved. It was three stories high and had been leased to Charles J. Britz many years and was used the basement for storage of liquors and a restaurant. One of the upper floors was occupied by the family of Britz, all of whom were absent in New York at the time. The other story has been occupied by Phil. Kuertz and family. They had a narrow escape. The heat from the burning pile extended across Bay street, and at the time all the window casings in the Carlton hotel were smoking, and in one or two instance were ignited. The firemen abandoned the burning building and played vigor

ously upon the hotel and adjacent block on the west and both were saved, though they had a very close call. The next building west of the Brit building was an elegant three-story brick and iron building, owned by John Clark, and occupied by him on the two upper floors as a storeroom for liquors wines and groceries, and on the lower floor by the U. S. government as bonded warehouse, chiefly for the storage of imported tobacco. While the firemen were saving the Carlton hotel this block caught, and by 2.30, it was a roaring mass of flames. So completely it catch that no attemp could be made to remove goods and they were all burned. The west wall of this block is a heavy fire wall, and it opped the further progress of the fire, although the extreme heat once or twice generated flames on the upper floor next to the building. But the firemen now had the fire under control and this building was saved. The total loss on property is \$500,000; insurance \$245,000.

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# SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

- Greensboro Record: A colo woman named Jeffries, in attempting cross a foot-log at the head of Thom Donnell's mill pond east of town la Saturday, fell off the log and carn with her a five-year old son, who is was leading by the hand. The way was deep and the woman was saved with great difficulty by another colored man who was on the bank. The was drowned.

- Asheville Citizen: W. F. Tom kins, of Webster, was in Asheville stated to the Citizen that there is the siderable activity in Jackson county mineral properties, especially kar The Asheville Kaolin Company inve ed \$8,000 in kaolin property in Jacks Friday," said Mr. Tompkins, "and the is plenty for all comers." mines are also being worked and or quantity of real estate is chan nands, and Jackson county is for right to the front.

- Winston Sentinel: Col. Fries and W. A. Lemly returned tod from a business trip to Bultimore Roanoke in the interest of the R. road. One of the gentlehmen in us that all the contracts for grading is road call for completion September and no reason can be assigned now w the road should not be ready for to by December 1st. - As announ iew days ago, Winston sold twelven lion pounds of leaf tobacco from 0 lst, 1890 to May 1st, 1891. The age price paid per hundred pounds the above amount is exactly \$12.37.

- Newton Enterprise: On Tues day Messrr. Shuford and Lynch made another rich find in the McCorkle min five miles east of Yewton. We are no at liberty to state exactly the extent the discovery but it was a big This mine bids fair to rival the To Saunders Eldorado in Montgom - There is no doubt abor the street railroad. A sufficient num of persons have expressed their willing ness to take stock to make it an ea matter to get up the necessary amount any time a paper is taken 'round. It will be run by a dummy engine, instead horses, as was the first plan. Electri lights are also an assured fact

- Elizabeth City Carolinian: W lis D. Riddick, residing near Winfall died on the 2nd, inst., aged about years. - Court at Manteo last wee only occupied one day. Not a case of the State docket. Good for Dare. -Register George B. Bliven informs to Carolinian that during the past fiftee days there have been 116 oystes groun entries made in Dare county-66 them being for 640 acres each, and ballance for 10 acres each. -- Eln beth City has become an important cer ter for the manufacture of lumber. area now occupied by saw and plani is much larger than at any point in the State. And it is reported that other mills are to be built

- Wilkesboro Chronlele: Senai ance's "spreading hen." about he used to tell a joke, has been discorered. She is at Sheriff McEwen's. set on 34 eggs, hatched them all and now engaged in training up 34 li chicks, in the way they should go. Monday evening a heavy wind and dus storm swept down the valley. whole face of the heavens appeared; mass of moving dust. At North Wilkesboro two houses were blown over. Mr. A. M. Church's new house there, at which he was at work, the roof and weatherboarding having been completed, was completely wrecked, and some of the workmen badly hurt. The other was Mr. A. A. Park's new house, which was lifted from its base and carried upon another lot. The damage i

- Raleigh News and Observer Dr. William Green died yesterday after noon. - Gov. Holt yesterday offered \$100 reward for George Dudley, charged with the murder of Redmond Blow, in Pitt county. - The Governor yesterday offered \$200 for the capture of R H. Riddick, wanted in Brunswick county for the murder of M. M. Gorman -The detective, Dan Hall, after having published his card completely vindicating Col. W. H. S. Burgwyn, was released. Col. Burgwyn not caring to prosecute him further, and he has returned to Atlanta. - Gov. Holt yesterday commuted the death sentence of Will in the Penitentiary. He was convicted of the murder of a colored companion

in Cleveland county and sentence

to be hanged on the 13th of lune

- King's Mountain News: Pini Allen, a citizen of Gaston county, killed a snake with four heads last week. — Mr. G. M. Bush, an aged citizen of this place, has become insane from the effects of grip, and has been lodged in iail until he can be taken to the Asylun at Morganton. - Mr. O. P. Gibson died at his home in No. 3 township on Friday of last week, of blood-poison - Forest fires were burning of King's Mountain several nights this week, presenting a beautiful scene - A huge rattlesnake, four feet long and seven inches in circumference, with eleven rattles and a button, was killed on Whetstone Tuesday by the surveyors This is the second one killed there this

season. — Rev. P. R. Elam has at

option on ten thousand acres of land

near this place, that is underlaid by

bed of marble sufficient to supply the

world for thousands of years. The mar-

ble is pure white, jet black and colored,

and the quality is pronounced superior

to the famous Vermont marble. - Goldsboro Argus: During the thunderstorm in this vicinity on Thursday afternoon avery fine mule of Mr. Jno. W. Bryan, on his farm adjoining the Southern suburbs, was instantly killed by lightning, and two boys who were driving the mule in a cart were severely stunned, - The Methodists of the Appletree section, Greene county have recently erected a beautiful church at Lebanon, which will be formally dedicated on the fifth Sunday of this month, May 31st. Rev. R. C. Beaman will officiate and preach the dedicatory sermon--The citizens of Greenleaf, better known in these parts as "Sandy Plain," mile and a half from Goldsboro northware, have had a startling experience with a mad dog. The dog is said to have bitten nearly every dog in the borough and snapped one or two citizens before it was killed. Several the dogs have been killed, and it is said that all the dogs in the place will be killed on sight, but at present the dogs are shut up by their owners to prevent their being killed.

derstood that Rev. Dr. A. W. Miller, Miller, who has been pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, of this city, for the past 25 or 30 years, will retire from the pastorate of the First church to prosecute evangelist work in the mountains of this State. - There was one surprised negro in town-or rather in jail-yesterday. Policeman Irvine arrested one Chas. Alexander, alias Bill Pharr, as one of the leaders of the mob the night of Mocca's murder, and took him to jail. When they went in the policeman saw a man talking to Brabham, who, Sheriff Smith said, was visitor of Brabham's. "Why that's the man you have been looking for for two weeks," said the policeman, "that's Jno. Brown." Sheriff Smith, it seems, did not know Jno. Brown by sight, but had been trying for two weeks to catch up with him. A word to the wise was sufficient, so the sheriff walked up and collard his man. Brown was one surprised individual. He was almost Lithia Water in this paper. Unequaled for Dyspepsia and all diseases of kidney and bladder. Price within reach of jail he bet he would never go to visit anybody anymore.

- Charlotte Chroniele: It is un-